



# Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Time: Venue:	Thursday 25 July 2019 6pm Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street	
Present		
Chairperson Members	Arapata Reuben - Tūāhuriri Rūnanga Kevin Brown - Community Representative Helen Caley - Community Representative Annabelle Hasselman - Community Representative Gareth Oddy - Community Representative Carly Sluys - Community Representative Abbie Wilson - Community Representative Councillor Pauline Cotter - Christchurch City Council Councillor Tom Lambie - Environment Canterbury Councillor Debra Hasson - Selwyn District Council Herewini Banks - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki Les Wanhalla - Te Taumutu Rūnanga	

23 July 2019

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Arapata Reuben opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

### 1. Apologies

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00014

That the apology for lateness from Helen Caley be accepted.

Arapata Reuben/Kevin Brown

**Carried** 

# 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00015

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 20 June 2019 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

• Page 8, Item 7 – add to seek support from the Otago University School of Medicine about the investigation of any correlation between nitrate levels in drinking water and the incidence of colorectal cancer.

Kevin Brown/Herewini Banks

**Carried** 

# 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Les Wanhalla queried whether the Heathcote River Sediment Assessment work had included fish recovery.

## 4. Deputations by Appointment

A deputation was given by Nichola Wilkie about her concerns for the state of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote Awa (River). Eels are prehistoric, a Tipuna, and the modern long-fin eels are a barometer and indicator of water quality. Issues of concern noted by Nichola included that there is asbestos in the Awa entering from contaminated properties, eels are being fed bread and cat food, the herbicide Roundup is being used near wai ways (watercress), fluke worms have been found in wai ways, as well as unswimmable waterways. Nichola suggested signage applicable to the awa could be carried out through artistry and images as a learning tool.

Arapata thanked Nichola for her presentation. He explained that education and highlighting actions for mitigation were key areas of focus for the Zone Committee.

## 5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.





# 6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

Helen Caley arrived at 6.25pm.

# 7. Correspondence - Minister of Health

#### **Committee Comment**

1. Tami advised that to date no response had been received to the Zone Committee's letters sent to the Ministry of Health and University of Otago Christchurch, on research on nitrate in drinking water and colorectal cancer risk.

#### Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00016

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the correspondence from the Committee to the Deputy Director, Population Health and Prevention, Ministry of Health, and to Professor Gillian Abel, Head of Department of Population Health, University of Otago, on research on nitrate in drinking water and colorectal cancer risk.

Arapata Reuben/Kevin Brown

**Carried** 

# 8. Facilitator's Update - 25 July 2019

#### **Committee Comment**

- 1. Tami spoke to her report.
- 2. Discussion was held about the Christchurch City Council Stormwater Consent and further detail was sought on steps and actions relating to Pūharakekenui/Styx River and sediment.
- 3. In relation to the remit from the City Council on nitrate in drinking water research, that was presented at the Local Government AGM on 7 July, the Committee sought further information about the journey of the remit following that meeting, and the process of advocacy.
- 4. Tami referred to the invitation that members had been sent from the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee to attend its meeting on 6 August 2019 at West Melton, where discussion will be held about urban issues. Suggestions for highlighting at that meeting included; the danger of using zinc and copper on roofs, and how to distribute information about this matter to the relevant businesses, such as architects; as well as the inability for long fin eels to travel up piped waterways.

#### Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00017

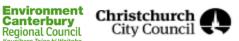
That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the upcoming events and updates.

Arapata Reuben/Helen Caley

#### **Carried**





Arapata Reuben closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

### Meeting concluded at 6.40pm.

**CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF AUGUST 2019** 

**ARAPATA REUBEN CHAIRPERSON**